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The Board of Dentistry has the duty and responsibility to function in such a manner as to promote and protect the public's health, safety and welfare. Thus, the Board must review licensure applications and determine whether the applicant is qualified to be issued a license in accordance with the facts, the law and the regulatory statutes governing the profession, public welfare demanding it. *Policy Statement Adopted May 1998*

### Failure to Pay Child Support or Privilege Tax Can Effect Your License



Failure to pay either child support or the professional privilege tax can cause your (dentist, dental hygiene or registered dental assistant) license to be revoked or disciplined. The statute regulating child support is as follows:

- \* T.C.A. § 36-5-702(6) If the department certifies the obligor to a licensing authority for noncompliance with an order of support, the licensing authority, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, must deny a renewal request, revoke the obligor's license, or refuse to issue or reinstate a license, as the case may be, until the obligor provides the licensing authority with a release from the department that states the obligor is in compliance with the obligor's order of support.

This statute allows the Department of Health, upon notice from the Department of Human Services, to revoke, deny, suspend or refuse to renew or reinstate the license of a person who is not in compliance with an order of support without a hearing before the Board of Dentistry and is not appealable. Once the licensee is in compliance with the order of support, the Department of Human Services will notify the Department of Health and the licensee will be allowed to reinstate their license for a fee not to exceed five dollars if reinstated before the next renewal is due.

The statute regulating the professional privilege tax is as follows:

- \* T.C.A. § 67-4-1704. Penalties and interest shall be assessed and collected by the commissioner of revenue on delinquent taxes in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1 of this title. Failure to pay the privilege tax pursuant to the provisions of this part will result in a warning letter from the commissioner of revenue to the delinquent professional. A second nonpayment shall be grounds for suspension of any license or registration by the appropriate licensing board. A third or subsequent nonpayment shall be grounds for revocation of any license or registration by the appropriate licensing board. The commissioner of revenue is authorized to compile and transmit an annual list of delinquent professionals to the appropriate licensing board.

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### Board's Administrative Office is Moving!



The Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation, which includes the Board of Dentistry, is moving to offices located in the Metro Center area of Nashville. The tentative move date is fall of 2005 and the Bureau will be located in two different buildings located at 227 French Landing and 220 Athens Way.

Mail sent to the Cordell Hull Building will be forwarded to the new location when we move and you will be notified in a future Newsletter as to the new mailing address. The telephone numbers and fax numbers will remain the same. ☺

### Policies Adopted by the Board at the May Board Meeting



The Board of Dentistry adopted two policies at the May 12-13, 2005 meeting of the Board. The policies are as follows:

- » **Policy For ALCS/PALS Meeting CPR Requirement** - It is the position of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry that the requirement of CPR certification found in T.C.A. 63-5-107(c)(1) and Rule 0460-1-.05(4) for dentist is met by submission of certification of either the ACLS or PALS certification. The Board determines that CPR basic life support training is included in the ACLS and PALS training. If a dentist uses ACLS or PALS training for the CPR requirement, the hours required for training may not be counted toward the continuing education requirement.
- » **Policy For Fluoride Mouthrinse** - The position of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry is that the fluoride mouthrinse project as developed and implemented by the Department of Health is an exemption as defined in T.C.A. 63-5-109(10) (10), "Personnel involved in research or developmental projects, approved by the board, that are under the auspices and direction of a recognized educational institution or the department of health."

The fluoride mouthrinse policy only applies to Department of Health programs. Both policies are on the Board's Web site under "Policy Statements." ☺

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This statute requires the Board of Dentistry to suspend the license of a dentist who fails to pay the privilege tax for the second time and revoke the license of a dentist who fails to pay the privilege tax for the third time. The Department of Health sends notification letters to licensees who have been reported to have failed to pay the privilege tax allowing them to pay the tax to the Department of Revenue before action is taken by the Board.

Dentists whose license was active on June 1, 2005 were required to pay the privilege tax. The notices to pay were mailed by the Department of Revenue in March of 2005 for the payment year of June 2005 – May 2006 and can be paid online at <http://tennessee.gov> each year. Dentists who are not practicing in Tennessee, can retire their licenses by June 1 in the year the tax is due by submitting an Affidavit of Retirement to the Board's Administrative Office. The Affidavit of Retirement is available online at the Board's Web site.

All licensees who are licensed in Tennessee should be aware that failure to pay child support or failure by dentist to pay the privilege tax can cause your license to practice to be suspended or revoked until payment is received. 🦷

### Instructions for Accessing the Board's Web site

- ▶ Log on to <http://tennessee.gov/health>
- ▶ Click on "Licensing" in the title bar
- ▶ Click on "Health Professional Boards"
- ▶ Select "Board of Dentistry"



The rules, statutes, applications, meeting schedule, meeting minutes, policy statements, and list of approved educational schools/programs are all available online. Licensure renewal and licensure verification can also be done at this Web site.

## Screening Panels Authorized

A bill passed during the 2005 Legislative Session allows all boards under the Division of Health Related Boards to establish screening panels to hear disciplinary cases.

This legislation will allow the Board of Dentistry to create screening panels to hear disciplinary cases in which the facts are not in dispute. The action taken against a licensee by the panel will be disciplinary action and will be public record after ratification by the Board of Dentistry. These panels will allow undisputed case to be heard and resolved faster than if they were brought before the Board in a contested case.

Several boards, including the medical examiners, nursing, psychology, and osteopathic boards, have been authorized to use screening panels for several years and the process has worked well for them. The process for the Board of Dentistry's screening panels will be the same as the other boards.

Participation in a screening panel will be voluntary and all actions taken by the panel will be ratified by the Board of Dentistry at the next scheduled meeting of the board.

The Board will be reviewing rules to send to rulemaking to implement this statute at the September meeting. For consistency, the rules will be modeled after the rules other boards already have in place. Once the rules are effective, the panels will start meeting as needed. 🦷

## Local Anesthesia Rules Referred Back to Committee by Board



The rules for the administration of local anesthesia by dental hygienist were referred back to committee by the Board for revisions. Once the committee completes the revisions, they will return to the Board for either a final vote or to send back to rulemaking for a hearing. If the changes that the committee makes are substantial, they will be required to go to rulemaking again and then return to the Board for a final vote in May 25-26, 2006. If the changes are minor and were within the scope of the original rulemaking hearing, the Board could take a final vote at the January 26-27, 2006 meeting.

Once the Board takes a final vote to approve the proposed rules, they will be sent to the Attorney General's office for approval. The rules allowing dental hygienist to become certified to administer local anesthesia will possibly become effective in the fall of 2006 or spring 2007.

No dental hygienist may administer local anesthesia to patients in Tennessee until they are certified by the Board of Dentistry to administer local anesthesia. Dental hygienists who have taken course in other states will be required to meet the requirements outlined by the rules to become certified. If the course taken in the other state is not equivalent to the course that will be required in Tennessee, the dental hygienist will be required to take an approved Tennessee course to become certified to administer local anesthesia.

Additional information about the requirements for certification and course approval, and equivalency will be published in a future edition of this Newsletter and posted on the Board's Web site after the effective date of the rule. 🦷

## Board Members



Three new board members have been appointed by the Governor. Joe C. Greer, D.D.S. was appointed to replace Bobby O. Cook, D.D.S., Katherine H. Cherry, R.D.H. was appointed to replace Marlene S. Warren Fullilove, R.D.H. and James L. Smith, D.D.S. was appointed to replace William D. Nally, D.M.D.

We would like to thank Dr. Cook, Dr. Nally, and Ms. Fullilove for their years of service on the board. 🦷



## Continuing Education

We have been receiving calls from licensees/registrants who are confused about the continuing education cycle.

**The current continuing education cycle for all dentists, dental hygienists and registered dental assistants (who were licensed/registered before December 31, 2004) ends December 31, 2006.** Anyone who becomes licensed/registered in 2005 or 2006 is required to begin obtaining continuing education starting in 2007.

**Every continuing education cycle will end December 31<sup>st</sup> of an even year (i.e. 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, etc.).**


Remember that two hours of the required hours must be in the subject of chemical dependency. The minimum number of hours each dental professional must obtain during the cycle are as follows: dentists a total of 40 hours, dental hygienists a total of 30 hours and registered dental assistants a total of 24 hours. 🦷



## Spotlight on Statutes and Rules

The Board's Administrative Office receives daily telephone calls with questions easily answered by a quick review of the statutes and rules. The administrative staff cannot interpret the statutes and rules of the board. The following are the statutes and/or rules that apply on several different subjects that each licensee can review to find the answers to questions. This page can be posted in the office as a quick reference.

- Administration and Monitoring of Nitrous Oxide by dental hygienist – T.C.A. 63-5-108(b)(12) and (d)(3) and Rule 0460-3-.06
- Advertising – Rule 0460-2-.10
- Anesthesia and Sedation Drug and Equipment List – Rule 0460-2-.07(6)6 and (7)6. and on the Board's Web site under Policy Statements
- Anesthesia and Sedation requirements, including permit process, requirements for physical facility, personnel, patient evaluation, dental records, monitoring, emergency management and recovery and discharge – T.C.A. 63-5-108(g) and Rule 0460-2-.07 and approved courses are posted on the Board's Web site under "Educational Programs"
- Application of Sealants – T.C.A. 63-5-108(d) and Rule 0460-4-.09
- Certification courses for dental hygienist and registered dental assistants – Rule 0460-5-.02 and 0460-5-.03 and list of approved courses in posted on the Board's Web site under "Educational Programs"
- Consumer Right-To-Know Requirements – T.C.A. 63-51-101 – 119 and rule 0460-1-.17
- Continuing Education and CPR – T.C.A. 63-5-107(c) and Rule 0460-1-.05
- Continuing Education Course Approval – Rule 0460-1-.05(3)
- Coronal Polishing by registered dental assistants – T.C.A. 63-5-108(d) and Rule 0460-4-.04
- Criteria Licensure process for dental hygienist – T.C.A. 63-5-114(d) and Rule 0460-3-.02
- Definition of and requirements for general supervision for dental hygienist – last two sentences of T.C.A. 63-5-108(c) including (1)-(5) of (c) and T.C.A. 63-5-115(b)(2)
- Dental Professional Corporations – T.C.A. 48-101-601 – 635 and 63-5-121 and Rule 0460-1-.08
- Dental Professional Limited Liability Companies - T.C.A. 48-248-101 – 606 and 63-5-121 and Rule 0460-1-.09
- Dental records – Rule 0460-2-.12
- Dual Degree Licensure process for dentist – T.C.A. 63-5-110(d) and Rule 0460-2-.02
- Duties assignable to dental hygienist and registered dental assistants – T.C.A. 63-5-108(d) and Rule 0460-3-.09 and 0460-4-.08
- Duties dental hygienist cannot perform under general supervision – second to last sentence of T.C.A. 63-5-108(c) and Rule 0460-3-.09(3) and (4)
- Educational Licensure process for dental hygienist – T.C.A. 63-5-114(e) and Rule 0460-3-.03
- Infection Control – Rule 0460-1-.11
- Interfering with professional judgment – Rule 0460-1-.12(27)
- Lasers: Use by dental hygienist and registered dental assistants prohibited – Rule 0460-3-.09(5)(k) and 0460-4-.08(4)(m)
- Licensure Exemptions – T.C.A. 63-5-109 and Rules 0460-2-.04 and 0460-3-.04
- Licensure process for dental hygienist (by exam) – T.C.A. 63-5-114(a) and (b) and Rule 0460-3-.01
- Licensure process for dentist (by exam and by criteria) – T.C.A. 63-5-110(a) and (b) and Rule 0460-2-.01
- Licensure Renewal – T.C.A. 63-1-107 and 63-5-117(a) and (e) and Rules 0460-2-.08, 0460-3-.07 and 0460-4-.06 (Note: Since the division is on the "alternative" renewal method mentioned in T.C.A. 63-5-117(e), (b) – (d) do not apply because they are for the annual/biannual method expiring December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year)
- Limited and Educational Limited Licensure process for dentist – T.C.A. 63-5-110(c) and (e) and Rule 0460-2-.03
- Medical Records: Release for Investigative purposes – T.C.A. 63-1-117
- Medical Records: Release of – T.C.A. 63-2-101 and 102 and Rule 0460-2-.12(4)(b)
- Monitoring of Nitrous Oxide by registered dental assistants – Rule 0460-4-.05
- Number of dental hygienist who can work under general supervision at any one time – T.C.A. 63-5-108(f)
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons definitions, standard of care and procedures only permitted to be performed by Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons – T.C.A. 63-5-112(b) and Rules 0460-1-.01(12) and 0460-2-.06(8)
- Ownership of a dental practice – T.C.A. 63-5-121
- Patient Rights – Rule 0460-1-.16
- Practical Dental Assistants (unregistered) definition and scope of practice – Rule 0460-4-.01(1) and (3)
- Practice of Dental Hygiene defined and the Scope of Practice – T.C.A. 63-5-108(c) and (d) and Rule 0460-3-.09
- Practice of Dentistry defined – T.C.A. 63-5-108(a) and (b)
- Prescribing – T.C.A. 63-5-122 and Rule 0460-2-.11(2)
- Procedures not assignable to dental hygienist and registered dental assistants – last sentence of T.C.A. 63-5-108(d) and (1) – (3) of (d) along with anything listed in T.C.A. 63-5-108(a) and (b) and the Prohibited procedures listed in Rules 0460-3-.09(5) and 0460-4-.08(4)
- Registered Dental Assistant programs/schools – T.C.A. 63-5-105(3) and Rule 0460-4-.02(c) and a list of ADA-accredited and Board approved courses is posted on the Board's Web site under "Educational Programs"
- Registration process for dental assistants – Rule 0460-4-.02
- Restraint of Pediatric and Special Needs Patients – Rule 0460-1-.18
- Retirement of License and reactivation – T.C.A. 63-5-129 and Rules 0460-2-.09, 0460-3-.08 and 0460-4-.07
- Scope of Practice of a registered dental assistant – Rule 0460-4-.08
- Specialists – T.C.A. 63-5-112 and Rule 0460-2-.06
- Specialty Advertising – T.C.A. 63-5-112(a) and 63-5-124(14) and Rule 0460-2-.10(5)
- Teeth Whitening – Rule 0460-1-.10
- Termination of a dentist/patient relationship – Rule 0460-1-.12(26)
- Unprofessional Conduct and Ethics – Rules 0460-1-.12 and .13
- Violations specifically addressed in the statutes as being grounds for disciplinary action – T.C.A. 63-1-120 and 63-5-124(a)
- Working Interviews – Rule 0460-1-.07

A copy of the full text of the statutes and rules, as amended, is available in the "Statutes" and "Rules and Regulations" section of the Board's web site. 





## Registered Dental Assistant Application Processing Streamlined

The Board's Administrative Office has been working with some of the dental assistant educators to change and streamline the application process by which dental assistants become registered (licensed) upon graduation from either an ADA accredited program or a board approved program.

One of the changes made recently allows dental assistant students to receive the application for the registration examination the last night of class. The instructor will then fax the Board's Administrative Office a list of all graduates and that list will be forwarded to the Dental Assisting National Boards, Inc. (DANB). When DANB receives the examination application from the student, they will allow the applicant to take the examination if they are on the list of successful graduates forwarded by the Board's Administrative Office. This allows the students, if they submit the examination application within a week of graduation, to take the examination within two months or less of graduation. The student also must submit the application for registration to the Board's Administrative Office before they can become registered, but the application for registration does not need to be complete before the student takes the examination.

This new process started this year at the end of March and we have had several dental assistants become registered in less than two months after graduation. It is important that students apply for both registration and the examination at the same time to ensure that their registration application is complete when passing scores are received.

Dental assistants must be registered before performing the duties of a registered dental assistant, even if they passed the examination but have not been approved for registration. Passage of the examination is a requirement for registration but all documentation must be submitted before the approval will be considered. **If an applicant's application file is not complete when passing scores are received, the application will not be considered for approval until the application file is complete.**

If an applicant fails the registration examination, once the Administrative Office receives the scores from DANB, the applicant will be mailed the information to retake the examination. All graduates of ADA accredited or board approved programs must pass the examination and become registered within one year of graduation or they must repeat the course.

Graduates of ADA accredited programs have the option of becoming certified by DANB as a certified dental assistant (CDA) before they apply for registration. If they apply for registration based on being a current CDA, they are not required to take the registration examination but are required to submit all other documentation required to apply for registration and must be registered with the Tennessee Board of Dentistry before performing the duties of a registered dental assistant.

The Board has appointed a committee to develop standards for dental assistant programs and review the process for becoming registered and more changes will be made in the future. Some changes will require changes to the rules, but other changes will not.

The Board and the Board's Administrative Office are committed to streamlining the process when possible, but still maintaining the standards needed to protect the public and ensure competent registered dental assistants.

The application for registration is available on the Board's Web site and most of the programs hand out the application for registration to their students before graduation. 🦷



## New Statute Regulating Prescription Orders



The General Assembly passed a bill in 2005 that regulates prescription orders for all professions that write prescriptions. Public Chapter 12 became effective March 29, 2005. T.C.A. 63-5-122 now reads as follows:

### 63-5-122. Drug prescriptions.

(a) Licensed dentists of this state may dispense, prescribe or otherwise distribute drugs rational to the practice of dentistry and any prescriptions shall be written in accordance with state and federal drug laws.

(b) Licensed pharmacists of this state may fill prescriptions of licensed dentists of this state for any drug necessary or proper to the practice of dentistry.

(c) Any handwritten prescription order for a drug prepared by a dentist who is authorized by law to prescribe a drug must be legible so that it is comprehensible by the pharmacist who fills the prescription. The handwritten prescription order must contain the name of the prescribing dentist; the name and strength of the drug prescribed; the quantity of the drug prescribed, handwritten in both letters and numerals; instructions for the proper use of the drug; and the month and day that the prescription order was issued, recorded in letters or in numerals or a combination thereof. The prescribing dentist must sign the handwritten prescription order on the day it is issued unless it is a standing order issued in a hospital, a nursing home or an assisted care living facility as defined in §68-11-201.

(d) Any typed or computer-generated prescription order for a drug issued by a dentist who is authorized by law to prescribe a drug must be legible so that it is comprehensible by the pharmacist who fills the prescription order. The typed or computer-generated prescription order must contain the name of the prescribing dentist; the name and strength of the drug prescribed; the quantity of the drug prescribed, recorded in letters or in numerals; instructions for the proper use of the drug; and the month and day that the typed or computer-generated prescription order was issued, recorded in letters or in numerals or a combination thereof. The prescribing dentist must sign the typed or computer-generated prescription order on the day it is issued unless it is a standing order issued in a hospital, nursing home or an assisted care living facility as defined in §68-11-201.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a dentist from issuing a verbal prescription order. 🦷

### Status Totals by Profession as of May 31, 2005

#### Licenses with a Current Status

	Dentists	Dental Hygienists	Dental Assistants
Active and Educational	3289	3320	4407
Probation	13	2	1
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>3302</b>	<b>3322</b>	<b>4408</b>

#### Licenses with an Inactive Status

	Dentists	Dental Hygienists	Dental Assistants
Retired	1976	883	877
Suspended	6	0	0
Failed to Renew	1026	1157	2808
Surrendered	1	1	1
Revoked	27	1	5
<b>Total Inactive</b>	<b>3036</b>	<b>2042</b>	<b>3691</b>



## Disciplinary Action

The Board, at its meeting on May 12-13, 2005, took the following disciplinary actions:

**Terri Bailey License No. RDA1383**

Practicing on an expired license. Reprimanded; assessed \$300 in civil penalties.

**Donna Pearson License No. DH3692**

Unprofessional, dishonorable or unethical conduct; violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto, or any criminal statute of the state of Tennessee; making false or misleading statements or representations, being guilty of fraud or deceit in obtaining admission to practice, or in being guilty of fraud or deceit in the practice of dental hygiene; conviction of a felony, conviction of any offense under state or federal drug laws or conviction of any offense involving moral turpitude. License placed on Probation for an additional five years; must maintain advocacy of Cornerstone for duration of Probation; must appear before the Board annually to report on compliance; assessed case costs.

**Oscar D. Scruggs, III License No. DS1036**

Unprofessional or dishonorable conduct; violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto, or any criminal statute of the state of Tennessee; habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substances, or other drugs or stimulants, such as, but not limited to, nitrous oxide sedation, in such a manner as to adversely affect the person's ability to practice dentistry, dental hygiene or as a registered dental assistant. License placed on Probation for two years; must gain advocacy of the Concerned Dental Professionals Committee by June 25, 2005, or an equivalent treatment program approved by the Board and maintain that advocacy for the duration of the Probationary period; assessed case costs; surrender his DEA certificate.

**Dolores Williams License No. RDA817**

Practicing on an expired license. Reprimanded; assessed \$500 in civil penalties.

All other cases scheduled for the May meeting were continued until the September meeting.

The Board, at an electronic meeting on July 22, 2005, took the following disciplinary action:

**Kent E. White License No. DS7094**

Unprofessional, dishonorable and unethical conduct; violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto, or any criminal statute of the State of Tennessee; making false or misleading statements or representations, being guilty of fraud or deceit in obtaining admission to practice, or in being guilty of fraud or deceit in the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene or as a registered dental assistant; gross malpractice, or a pattern of continued or repeated malpractice, ignorance, negligence or incompetence in the course of professional practice; habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substances, or other drugs or the use of inhalants, such as, but not limited to, nitrous oxide sedation, in such manner as to adversely affect the person's ability to practice dentistry, dental hygiene or as a registered dental assistant; dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing any controlled substance or any other drug not in the course of professional practice, or not in good faith to relieve pain and

suffering, or not to cure an ailment, physical infirmity or disease; engaging in the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, or as a registered dental assistant when mentally or physically unable to safely do so. License summarily suspended; assessed costs.

### Contact Information for Agencies of Interest

#### State Agencies

Tennessee Division of Radiological Health 615-532-0364  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, L & C Annex  
401 Church Street  
Nashville, TN 37243-1532  
<http://tennessee.gov/environment/rad>

TOSHA 615-741-2793  
710 James Robertson Parkway 1-800-249-8510  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower  
Nashville, TN 37243  
<http://tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/tosha>

Tennessee Department of Revenue 615-253-0600  
Attention: Taxpayer Services 1-800-342-1003  
500 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, TN 37242  
<http://tennessee.gov/revenue/tntaxes/proftax.htm>  
(Dentists can pay the Professional Privilege Tax at this site)

#### Federal Agencies

To apply for or renew Controlled Substance Registration:  
Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) 1-800-882-9539  
Office of Diversion Control  
[www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/index.html)

#### Testing Agencies

For National Board or National Board Dental Hygiene Scores:  
American Dental Association 312-440-2500  
Department of Testing Services  
National Board Score Reports  
211 East Chicago Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60611-2678  
[www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)

Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS)  
1725 SW Gage Blvd. 785-273-0380  
Topeka, KS 66604-3333  
[www.crdts.org](http://www.crdts.org)

North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (NERB)  
8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 900 301-563-3300  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
[www.nerb.org](http://www.nerb.org)

Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA)  
4698 Honeygrove Road, Suite 2 757-318-9082  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455-5934  
[www.sрта.org](http://www.sрта.org)

Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB)  
9201 North 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 185 602-944-3315  
Phoenix, AZ 85021

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